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TOPIC Military Information from Eighth Gds Army Posts

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EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. On 3 May 1954, the Prinz-Louis-Ferdinand Kaserne [REDACTED], Saalfeld, was occupied by 500 to 600 troops, about 60 percent of which wore red-bordered black epaulets and the others black-bordered black epaulets. The occupation strength had slightly decreased after 26 April. [REDACTED] Five pontoons were seen in the north section of the installation.¹

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2. On 3 May, the barracks installations in Rudolstadt were occupied as follows:
The Prinz Eugen Kaserne [REDACTED] by about 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with artillery insignia. Six 76-mm AA guns were in the AAA emplacement northeast of the installation;
the Flak Kaserne [REDACTED] by about 500 troops wearing black-bordered red epaulets. The occupation strength appeared to have decreased. [REDACTED]
the former revenue office [REDACTED] appeared to be vacant. Sentries were no longer observed there.²

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3. On 7 May, the Neue Kaserne [REDACTED], Gotha, was occupied by 1,000 to 1,200 troops, mostly wearing black-bordered red epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia and, some, red-bordered black and black-bordered black epaulets. Notes on range estimation by a soldier of the 3d Squad of the 2d Platoon of the 6th Co were found at the southern border of Neue Kaserne.⁴ [REDACTED] On 7 May, the Flak Kaserne [REDACTED] was occupied by 600 to 800 troops. Motor vehicles [REDACTED] were seen en route to the installation.³

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4. Between 27 and 30 April, the following units left the Naumburg post:
Artillery units from Hubertus Kaserne [REDACTED] on 27 April, and from Luettich Kaserne [REDACTED] on 28 April; a headquarters from Hindenburg Kaserne [REDACTED], motorized infantry from Luettich Kaserne and artillery on self-propelled mounts on 29 April from Hubertus Kaserne; and engineer units from Hubertus Kaserne on 30 April. The Bismarck Kaserne [REDACTED] was still occupied by AAA units.⁵

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5. At 8:30 a.m. on 4 May, a shipment, including 10 to 12 tanks, was entrained at the Zeitz railroad station. The unit allegedly had come from the barracks installation west of the road to Gara.⁶

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6. On 4 May, a train carrying rockets, launchers and trucks was seen in the area of the Halle railroad station. [REDACTED]

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- 25X1A 1. [] Comment. The information indicates that the bulk of the 316th Gds RL Regt of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps and the 45th Gds Engr Bn of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div were still at their quarters.
- 25X1A 2. [] Comment. The information indicates that, on 3 May, the Hq XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps from the former revenue office and elements of the 380th Engr Bn and the 53d Sig Bn (US) of the corps stationed in Flak Kaserne were at summer camps, probably at Ohrdruf, while the 497th AAA Regt (US) apparently was at the post.
- 25X1A 3. [] Comment. The mentioning of a 6th Co in Neue Kaserne confirms there a unit of regimental strength, probably the 172d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. According to branch-of-service insignia, the 64th AT Bn (US) of the division may be stationed in Gotha; the information fails to furnish indications for the 93d Mtrcl Bn (US) also carried there. 25X1A
- 25X1A 4. [] Comment. The transfer to Kindel of the bulk of the elements of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div stationed in Naumburg was previously reported. [] of the 67th Engr Bn (US) arrived in Kindel as early as 29 April. [] 25X1A
- 25X1A 5. [] Comment. [] were observed as early as 3 May. [] Considering the location of the installation, rear elements of the 27th Gds Tank Regt of the 20th Gds Mech Div may have been involved. 25X1A
- 25X1A 6. [] Comment. The information does not definitely indicate loadings of the 25th Gds RL Bn (US) of the 21st Gds Mech Div stationed in Halle.

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